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Hrant Dink's Murder Shocks Turkey OPC Urges Repeal of 'Article 301'

By Doug Merlino

The January 19 murder of journalist Hrant Dink, editor of the weekly newspaper *Agos*, spurred outrage in Turkey and around the world. Dink, a Turkish Armenian, had been a constant voice for the recognition and inclusion of minorities in Turkey. His articles, some of which addressed the genocide of Armenians during World War I, had also made him the target of prosecutors and a lightning rod for Turkish ultra-nationalists. Dink, 52, was shot at close range in the back of the head while leaving his Istanbul office.

"My computer's memory is loaded with sentences full of hatred and threats," Dink wrote in his last newspaper column. "I do not know how real these threats are, but what's really unbearable is the psychological torture that I'm living in."

A long-time political activist, Dink founded *Agos* in 1996 as a voice for Turkey's diminishing Armenian minority. Over the last several years, he had been charged with the crime of "insulting Turkishness" for articles and statements in which he commented on the mass killings of Armenians by Turks in 1915-1918, questioned the appropriateness of lines in the Turkish national anthem, and made public comments about a case



Hrant Dink funeral procession

pending against him. Insulting Turkish identity is a crime under the country's "Article 301," a law that has resulted in charges against several other intellectuals and writers, including Nobel laureate Orhan Pamuk. Dink was acquitted once, convicted in 2005 and given a suspended six-month sentence, and at the time of his death was facing new charges.

The prosecutions raised Dink's profile and made him the target of death threats. After his murder, a 17-year-old was arrested for the shooting. According to the Turkish police, the killer said in a confession that he had been angered by Dink's columns on Armenian history. Six other men have been charged with involvement in the murder.

Dink's murder was condemned both in Turkey and around the world. On a national news broadcast, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said, "A bullet was fired at freedom of thought and democratic life in Turkey....Once again, dark hands have chosen our country and spilled blood in Istanbul to

achieve their dark goals."

A crowd estimated at 100,000 poured into the streets of Istanbul a few days after Dink's murder to pay tribute to the slain journalist and to call for freedom of expression. People carried signs reading, "We are all Hrant Dink" and "Murder 301." Inside Istanbul's Holy Mother of God Armenian Patriarchal Church, Armenian and Turkish dignitaries gathered for Dink's funeral. The presence of Armenian Deputy Foreign Minister Arman Kirakossian marked the first time a ranking Armenian official had visited Turkey since the countries froze diplomatic relations in 1993 and closed their border.

In a letter to Erdogan, the OPC's Freedom of the Press Committee noted that Dink's murder had created a "rare spirit of unity among Turks and Armenians" and called on Turkey to repeal Article 301 as "a fitting tribute to Hrant Dink, whose death would not be entirely in vain if it helped to end the instrument of his persecution." The OPC also asked Erdogan to quash criminal defamation charges recently brought against Dogan Harman, publisher and editor-in-chief of the daily *Kibrisli* in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Harman is accused of insulting the honor of Akin Sait, the republic's attorney general.

After Dink's funeral, Kirakossian said he had been impressed by the size and diversity of the crowd protesting the murder and that Armenia was ready to revive diplomatic relations. Turkish Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul responded, "Of course we wish to improve relations also with Armenia."

Gul also suggested it might be time for changes in Article 301, which is often cited as a stumbling block in Turkey's drive to join the European Union. "We see that in its present version, it causes some problems," he said.

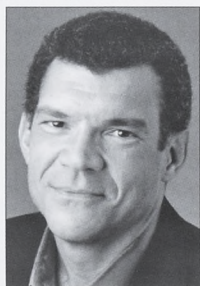
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Whitaker, Pearlstine on Print's Future

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Many mass market magazines and newspapers are cutting back on their bureaus, shedding positions at home and slashing their budgets in the face of a rising Internet and shifting advertiser dollars. *Time* magazine reduced its rate base from 4 million to about 3.25 million, and newspapers in Los Angeles, Chicago and Boston appear to be takeover targets. What kind of future does the print media face?



Mark Whitaker

Two of the smartest people in print journalism—Mark Whitaker and Norman Pearlstine—will offer their views on that question on Thursday, Feb. 22 at Club Quarters in Manhattan.

Pearlstine is the former editor-in-chief of Time Inc. He served in that position for nearly 11 years until December 31, 2005. At the end of his tenure, he was responsible for the content of Time Inc.'s 154 publications. Through 2006, he served as a senior advisor to Time Warner. In September 2006, he joined The Carlyle Group as a senior advisor to the firm's telecommunications and media group.

Before joining Time Inc., he worked for *The Wall Street Journal* from 1968-

1992. His positions included staff reporter; Tokyo bureau chief; managing editor of *The Asian Wall Street Journal*; national editor; editor and publisher of *The Wall Street Journal/Europe*; managing editor; and executive editor. After leaving the *Journal*, he launched *Smart Money*.



Norman Pearlstine

Whitaker, former *Newsweek* editor and now vice president and editor-in-chief of New Ventures for Washingtonpost. *Newsweek* Interactive, leads creative development of new online ventures and multimedia to add to his company's portfolio of existing Internet sites. He additionally pursues partnerships and acquisitions on the company's behalf.

Whitaker's 1998-2006 tenure as *Newsweek's* editor was one during which the newsweekly received more editorial awards than at any other time in its history. Among these was the National Magazine Award for General Excellence, the industry's highest prize, in 2002 for coverage of 9/11, and in 2004 for coverage of the Iraq war. Whitaker also oversaw the growth of *Newsweek's* website, which now has the highest traffic of any newsweekly Internet site. Before becoming editor, Whitaker was a reporter, writer and

editor for *Newsweek* for two decades.

Moderating the discussion will be Bill Holstein, former OPC President and a veteran of positions at *BusinessWeek*, *U.S. News & World Report*, *Business 2.0*, *Chief Executive* and most recently, *Directorship*. Reception starts at 5:30pm with the talk at 6:15pm. Please R.S.V.P. to the OPC office at 212-626-9220.

The Correspondents Fund

The Correspondents Fund exists to give money to journalists in need. I was recently asked to join their board in the hopes that through the OPC, I can serve as a conduit for journalists to make requests to the Fund.

The Fund is looking for correspondents, whether Americans based abroad or non-Americans, who have had health emergencies or financial reversals. The Fund will make awards typically of up to \$5,000 to help correspondents in need. If you have a financial crisis, write me a letter and include copies of your bills, just for purposes of documentation. I will present requests that meet the Fund's criteria at its April 30 meeting. Write to me via the OPC office, 40 West 45 Street, New York, NY 10036.

— Bill Holstein

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Holiday Party at the new Rockefeller Plaza Club Quarters

OPC members Linda Goetz Holmes, Independent Reporter/Historian; Marcy McGinnis, Director of Broadcast Journalism at Stony Brook University; Tala Dowlatshahi, Reporters Without Borders; Ron Allen, NBC News reporter and Linda Fasulo, NBC News at the UN.



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OPC Foundation Executive Director Jane Reilly with last year's David Schweisberg Scholarship winner Greg Johnsen and friend Susan MacDougall (left).



OPC President Marshall Loeb presents the Mandarin Oriental restaurant certificate to raffle winner Joost Schiereck and his wife, OPC Board member Yvonne Dunleavy.



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The OPC organizers extraordinaire: Jane Reilly, Sonya Fry and Boots Duque.



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ALEXANDRIA, Virginia:

Federal Judge Claude M. Hilton in January dismissed a suit filed by a former U.S. government scientist who charged he was defamed by a series of *New York Times* columns written by **Nicholas D. Kristof**. Dr. Stephen J. Hatfill, a specialist in biological weapons, said the columns about the 2001 deadly anthrax mailings defamed him. Kristof, an OPC member, first wrote that a government scientist, whom he identified as Mr. Z, was the overwhelming focus of the anthrax investigation. In a 2002 column, Kristof wrote that Hatfill had come forward and identified himself as Mr. Z. In its dismissal motion, the *Times* argued that the scientist was a public figure and that the paper did not blame him for the attacks.

BAGHDAD:



Ned Parker

OPC member **Nathaniel (Ned) Parker** is on leave of absence from Agence France Presse and currently is Baghdad correspondent for the *London Times*. He's also writing a book based on his experiences in Iraq titled "After Saddam."

Ned published two essays in *Narrative Magazine*, an online journal of fiction and non-fiction, and won a \$4,000 prize from *Narrative* for best new or emerging writer.

BRUSSELS: Last year was the deadliest worldwide for journalists and news media workers with at least 155 killings and unexplained deaths, the International Federation of Journalists said in its annual report. The toll was highest in Iraq, where 68 media staff members were killed, bringing the total since the war began in 2003 to 170. Thirty-seven media staff members were killed in Latin America with Mexico, Colombia and Venezuela leading the toll. Asia counted 34 killings, led by 13 in the Philippines. The Federation's count includes reporters, photographers, interpreters and drivers who were killed while on the job. Reporters Without Borders, more restrictive in identifying news personnel, said in

its annual report 81 journalists and 32 media assistants were killed last year.

CARACAS: President Hugo Chávez has announced his government will not renew the license of Radio Caracas Televisión, RCTV, a private station that opposes his policies.

CASABLANCA: Two Moroccan journalists were fined \$9,000 and sentenced to suspended three-year prison sentences by a Casablanca court in January on charges of defaming Islam and offending public morality. *Nichane*, their weekly magazine, published a collection of jokes, some mocking the king and Islamist Imams, in an article titled "How Moroccans Laugh at Religion, Sex and Politics." **Sanaa al-Aji**, who wrote the article, told the court, "All I did is report to readers a phenomenon Moroccans are seeing in jokes and anecdotes." She was tried with the magazine's editor,

Driss Ksikes. Prime Minister Driss Jettou ordered the magazine withdrawn from newsstands.

DAMASCUS: A story by **Kristen Gillespie**, an OPC Foundation scholarship winner, about the dangers of intermarriage in an impoverished Syrian village was broadcast late last year on National Public Radio's Weekend Edition. Kristen reported that in an isolated village of 5,000 residents, up to 800 children are living with extreme genetic defects. She won the 2005 Irene Corbally Kuhn scholarship for her essay on the culture of violence in Baalbek, a Hezbollah stronghold in Lebanon.

GAZA: **Jaime Razuri**, a Peruvian photographer working for Agence France Presse, was kidnapped by Palestinian gunmen Jan. 1. "Several militants [also] were seized in separate abductions that ignited new street violence between the main factions, Hamas and Fatah," Reuters reported.

LONDON: Two senior judges in the Court of Appeal in December upheld

OPC Screens 'The Namesake'

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The film is adapted from the Pulitzer Prize-winning book of the same name by Jhumpa Lahiri. She appears in the film as Aunt Jhumpa.

The Namesake tells the story of the Ganguli family, whose move from Calcutta to New York evokes a lifelong balancing act to adjust to the ways of the New World without forgetting the old. The second generation, born in America, becomes the eternal battleground between the generations and cultures.

Director Mira Nair (*Salaam Bombay*, *Mississippi Masala*) said, "The *Namesake* encompasses in a deep humane way the tale of millions of us who have left one home for another, who have known what it means to combine the old ways with the New World, who have left the shadow of our parents to find ourselves for the first time."



A scene from 'The Namesake'

The OPC preview screening will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 7pm in the Park Avenue Screening Room, 500 Park Ave. at 59th Street. Reservations required because of limited seating. Call 212-626-9220.

Prince Charles' legal victory over the *Mail on Sunday* for publishing excerpts from his private report on China, written after the 1997 transfer of Hong Kong from Britain to China. Charles sued the newspaper after it printed parts of his China travelogue in which he called Chinese diplomats "appalling old wax-works." The judges ruled that Charles had the right to keep secret his private report, which he wrote for distribution to friends. The newspaper argued that the document was in the public interest because it expressed political views of the throne.

MOGADISHU: Three Somalia radio stations resumed broadcasting in January after the nation's transitional government lifted a brief media ban. General Mohammed Warsame Farah said broadcasters will be allowed to operate as long as they do not carry "anti-government propaganda."

MOSCOW: Demonstrating in December, Russian journalists lit candles and read a roll call of 211 journalists killed in Russia since the collapse of the Soviet Union. Rallying under the statue of the 19th century writer Alexander Pushkin, the 250 demonstrators held photographs of their murdered colleagues and accused authorities of not doing enough to track down the assassins, specifically criticizing President Vladimir Putin.

NEW YORK: Photos made by OPC member **Ruth Gruber** of displaced Jews in camps in the United States, Cyprus and Israel went on display in January at the Museum of Jewish Heritage. Many of the photographs appear in Ruth's book, "Witness," to be published in April by Schocken Books. Ruth, now 95, has devoted her life to the rescue and survival of Jewish people. Her work has included escorting World War II refugees from Europe to America, reporting on the gathering of refugees in the United States for President Roosevelt and writing about the establishment of Israel.

Forest Whitaker, who portrayed Idi Amin in the film "The Last King of Scotland," attended an OPC screening of the film in October and answered questions from the audience. **Sonya K. Fry**, the OPC executive director, wrote in the November *Bulletin*: "I am sure that if you took a poll the night of the screening, the

OPC audience would have given Whitaker the Academy Award on the spot." In January, Whitaker won the Golden Globe best actor award, and Sonya commented: "He is well on the way to making that prediction come true."

◆
Bob Woodruff returns to the air Feb. 27 for the first time since he was seriously injured by a roadside bomb in Iraq in January last year. The ABC News anchor will appear in a one-hour documentary, "To Iraq and Back: Bob Woodruff Reports," that will include interviews with soldiers and colleagues who were with him when he was wounded, the military and civilian personnel who saved his life, and his wife, **Lee**, who will discuss the extent of his injury and its impact on their family. The program also will include wounded military personnel at Bethesda Naval Hospital, where Woodruff was treated.



Bob Woodruff

◆
Dean Baquet, 50, will become Washington bureau chief for *The New York Times* on March 5, rejoining *The Times* after seven years at the *Los Angeles Times*, the last two years as editor of that paper and one of the few African-Americans to head a major daily newspaper. The *Los Angeles Times* fired Baquet last November when he refused the owner's request to cut newsroom jobs. He first joined *The New York Times* in 1990 as a metropolitan reporter, was promoted to national editor in 1995 and joined the *Los Angeles Times* in 2000. In 1988 when he was a reporter for the *Chicago Tribune*, Baquet won the Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting, leading a reporting team that documented corruption in Chicago's City Council. Returning to New York, he will succeed **Philip Taubman**, 58, who will become an investigative reporter for *The New York Times* covering national security issues from his base in Los Angeles and the paper's associate editor, a title last held by **R. W. Apple Jr.**, who died last year.

◆
The 14 Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Awards for broadcast journalism awarded in January included six for international reporting: Brook Lapping

Productions for "Israel and the Arabs: Elusive Peace," aired on PBS; Discovery Times Channel, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and *The New York Times* for "Nuclear Jihad: Can Terrorists Get the Bomb?"; Frontline and WGBH Boston for "The Age of AIDS"; HBO, **Jon Alpert** and **Matthew O'Neil** for "Baghdad ER," a documentary about a war hospital; Independent Television Service, **Lisa Sleeth** and **Jim Butterworth** for "Seoul Train," a report on North Korean refugees; and NPR for its Iraq coverage.

◆
Time Inc. announced in January that it will cut 289 employees as it moves to invest more in its websites. The cuts include 172 news staffers, the others from the business side of the company's magazines. Time Inc.'s worldwide staff numbers 11,300, including 3,300 editorial employees. *Time* magazine will lose about 30 people and close its bureaus in Los Angeles, Chicago and Atlanta while keeping three "laptop" correspondents in Los Angeles. *People* will lay off about 44 editorial workers while creating seven new correspondent jobs and will close its bureaus in Washington, Miami, Chicago and Austin. *Sports Illustrated* is looking for 23 editorial workers to take voluntary buyouts.

◆
To save newsprint, *The Wall Street Journal* reduced the width of its pages by cutting from six to five columns. The paper also closed its Toronto, Montreal and Calgary bureaus late last year, dismissing six staffers. Dow Jones spokesman **Robert Christie** wrote in an e-mail to *Editor & Publisher* that the *Journal* will continue to cover Canada by using about 20 Dow Jones Newswires employees who are based in Canada.

QUETTA, Pakistan: While investigating reports that Pakistani intelligence agencies have supported the Taliban resurgence along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border, *New York Times* correspondent **Carlotta Gall** and her photographer were harassed on Dec. 19 by four plainclothes Pakistani intelligence officers. She wrote in the *Times* in January: "They raided my hotel room that evening, using a key card to open the door and then breaking through the chain I had locked from the inside. They seized a computer, notebooks and a cell phone. One agent punched me twice in the face

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and head and knocked me to the floor. I was left with bruises on my arms, temple and cheekbone, swelling on my eye and a sprained knee." The plainclothesmen detained her photographer, **Akhtar Soomro**, for more than five hours and seized his computer and photo equipment. Their equipment was returned, but "it has become clear that intelligence agents copied data from our computers, notebooks and cellphones and have tracked down contacts and acquaintances in Quetta," Gall wrote.

STOCKHOLM: Published daily since 1645, the *Post-och Inrikes Tidningar*, the world's oldest newspaper, ended its press run on Jan. 1 and now appears only on its website. But three copies are printed daily for the archives. The newspaper is Sweden's official publication for announcing bankruptcies, corporate and government news.

TOKYO: OPC member **Steven L. Herman** reports that Japan plans to send food experts abroad to inspect overseas Japanese restaurants. "Japanese traveling abroad are returning home with increasing complaints about soggy seaweed, limp noodles and sushi with most untraditional toppings," Herman wrote in the

January *Number 1 Shimbun*, the Foreign Correspondents' Club's monthly magazine. He reported that Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries is establishing certification standards for overseas Japanese restaurants, and ministry inspectors will start inspecting them this spring. Meanwhile after 17 years in Japan, Herman left AP radio in January and joined Voice of America as its South Asia bureau chief and radio/TV correspondent based in New Delhi.

WASHINGTON: **William Safire**, a former *New York Times* columnist, was one of 10 Americans who were awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award, at a White House ceremony in December. Winner of the 1978 Pulitzer Prize for distinguished commentary, Safire is credited with bringing then Vice President Nixon and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev together in the 1959 Moscow kitchen debate. Safire was a speechwriter for President Nixon before joining the *Times* in 1973.

IN MEMORY

Quotes from **Art Buchwald**: "I always wanted to get into politics, but I was never light enough to make the team." On President Nixon: "I worship the very quicksand he walks on." "Have you ever seen a candidate talk to a rich person on television?" "Tax reform is taking the taxes off things that have been taxed in the past and putting taxes on things that haven't been taxed before." "Whether it's the best of times or the worst of times, it's the only time we got." "We seem to be going through a period of nostalgia, and everyone seems to think yesterday was better than today...If you're hung up on nostalgia, pretend today is yesterday and just go out and have one hell of a time." "The best things in life aren't things."

Still in high school when the United States entered World War II, Buchwald joined the U.S. Marines at age 17 and served in the Pacific in the Marshall Islands, cleaning aircraft guns and editing his squadron's newsletter. After the war he talked his way into a job with the Paris edition of *The Herald Tribune*, writing a

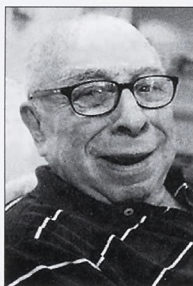
column on entertainment and restaurants for \$25 a week. He turned it into a satirical humorous column that went on to syndication in 550 newspapers throughout the world. In 1962, Buchwald returned to the United States.

When his right leg was amputated below the knee in February 2006, he stopped dialysis and doctors gave him only a few weeks to live. "I decided to move into a hospice and go quietly into the night," he said. But he thrived, spent part of last summer in his summer home on Martha's Vineyard, resumed his columns, published a book about dying, "Too Soon to Say Goodbye," and attended a memorial for his friend, *New York Times* reporter **R. W. Apple Jr.**, who died last October. Arthur Buchwald, 81, died Jan. 17 in the Washington home of his son, Joel. One of the last photos of Art shows him being visited last August by three friends, OPC members **Andy Rooney**, **Walter Cronkite** and **Mike Wallace**.

Buchwald was the first to appear in a new feature on the website of *The New York Times*, the video obituary. He kicked things off in his usual style, introducing the video: "Hi, I'm Art Buchwald, and I just died."



Rudie Josten, 99, who covered the rise of Adolf Hitler for the AP and headed the organization's German-language service after World War II, died Dec. 31 in Bretten, Germany. Head of the AP's German photo service from 1935-1939, Josten accompanied Hitler's motorcade in 1938 when the dictator swept into Austria at the time of its annexation to Nazi Germany. Josten worked on AP's news side from 1939-1941, when Germany declared war on the United States and closed the AP bureau. For a few months, Josten sent stories to a telex address in South America until he was summoned to the office of Nazi Propaganda Minister Josef Goebbels and was told: "Herr Josten, we don't know why this is, but we see when you send something to South America, it shows up the next day in the Associated Press, and we think you should stop it." He did, and spent the remaining war years monitoring shortwave news broadcasts from abroad for the German news agency Transocean. After the war, he became head of the AP's German-language newsgathering until retiring in 1972. In 1973, Germany's president awarded Josten the *Verdienstkreuz*



Art Buchwald
in May 2006

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(Cross of Merit) for his journalism work. This last Christmas, Josten said he was looking forward to a Feb. 2 gathering to celebrate his 100th birthday. **Tom Curley**, AP president and an OPC member, had prepared a letter to be given to Josten on his birthday: "To the best of our knowledge, you lived, experienced and reported more German history than any other AP staffer who worked in the German bureau."

◆
H. Denny Davis, 79, a former foreign correspondent in Latin America, died Dec. 30 in a Boonville, Missouri, hospital of leukemia and pneumonia. From 1956-1975, he reported for UPI from Peru, Brazil and Mexico. He then served as the wire service's regional executive in Charlotte, North Carolina until 1978, when he returned to his Fayette, Missouri hometown to operate a printing business. In 1984, he bought two Fayette weeklies, *The Fayette Advertiser* and *The Democrat-Leader*. After retiring in 2000, he continued to work for both papers several hours a week until 2005. Davis was inducted into the Missouri Press Association Hall of Fame in 2005.

◆
Marmaduke Hussey, 83, a former BBC chairman and newspaper executive, died Dec. 27. Lord Hussey, who lost a leg in World War II combat in Italy while serving with the Grenadier Guards, was chairman of the BBC Corporation from 1986-1996. After the war he joined Associated Newspapers, rising to editor of the *Daily Mail*. From 1971-1982, he was chief executive of Times Newspapers where he waged a dispute with print unions about modernizing technology that kept the London *Times* and *Sunday Times* off the streets for nearly a year.

◆
When he was studying for a Ph.D. in psychology, **Frank Stanton** invented a device that could be placed inside a radio to register what programs were being listened to. CBS was impressed and the network hired him into its two-man research department in 1935 at \$55 a week. He went on to become CBS president from 1946 until retiring in 1973. Stanton was the right-



Frank Stanton

hand man to CBS chairman **William S. Paley**. "They operated as probably the greatest team in the history of broadcasting, making CBS, for a time, the most powerful communications company in the world, and the most prestigious," **Holcomb B. Noble** wrote in Stanton's *New York Times* obituary. In 1971 when Washington objected to CBS coverage of the Vietnam War, Stanton was called before the Congressional Foreign Commerce Committee and threatened with jail for refusing to turn over material that had been cut from a program that investigated a \$30 million Pentagon campaign to improve its image. Stanton argued that the committee's request violated freedom of the press, and the full House of Representatives rejected the committee's vote to cite him for contempt. Stanton took an afternoon nap on Dec. 24 in his Boston home and never awakened. He was 92.

◆
Uri Dan, 71, a veteran Israeli journalist, died in a Tel Aviv hospital Dec. 24 after a long battle with lung cancer, although he continued working until a month before his death. **Shlomo Uri**—Uri Dan was his penname—wrote for several Israeli publications including *Maariv* and *The Jerusalem Post*, served as Israel correspondent for the *New York Post*, and wrote or co-wrote more than two dozen books. He covered the Yom Kippur War and reported on African and Soviet developments. With **Sid Zion**, Dan won an OPC award for their *New York Times Magazine* article on the Begin-Sadat Camp David talks. Dan was a confidant of former Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and was Sharon's spokesman when he was defense minister during the war in Lebanon in the 1980s. *New York Post* colleague **Eric Feltmann** wrote: "He was fearless. He was in West Berlin when the Soviet wall dividing the city was built. He managed to slip across to the communist sector, bribed a Russian soldier to lend him his uniform and paraded around the streets, taking photos, before slipping back to safety."



Uri Dan

◆
Shortly before 8am on Dec. 7, 1941, exploding bombs and ack-ack fire awakened **Frank Tremaine** in his Honolulu

hillside bungalow overlooking Pearl Harbor. "I am probably the only correspondent who covered the first war stories stark naked," he once wrote. "I popped out of bed, went to the window, then the phone."



Frank Tremaine

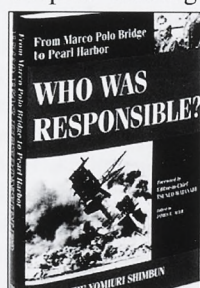
Tremaine, then United Press Honolulu bureau manager, called several U.S. military officers until he received confirmation that Japanese planes were bombing Pearl Harbor. He telephoned UP bureaus in San Francisco and Manila: "Flash—Pearl Harbor under attack." His bulletins were the first eyewitness news accounts of the attack that plunged the United States into World War II. Tremaine quickly dressed and rushed outside to get closer to Pearl Harbor, about eight miles from his home, while his wife **Kay** relayed telephone bulletins to San Francisco. Frank went on to cover the war in the Pacific until Japan's Sept. 2, 1945 surrender on the battleship USS Missouri, which he covered. During the war, Kay worked as an Army cryptographer and then as a newspaper reporter in Honolulu. Tremaine and his wife collaborated on the 1997 book, "The Attack on Pearl Harbor by Two Who Were There." Frank died at an assisted living facility in Savannah, Georgia on Dec. 7, the 65th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack. He was 92, suffering from a pulmonary illness.

Tremaine began his news career as UP's campus correspondent at Stanford University. In 1936 two days after he graduated, he joined the UP bureau in Salt Lake City, and he worked for UP, later renamed UPI, until retiring as senior vice president in 1980. After the war, he handled assignments in Mexico, Central America and then back to Tokyo to direct UP coverage of the first year of the Korean War. In 1952, he was transferred to New York, where he filled several vice presidential posts. The "People" columnist worked for years under Tremaine, whom he found to be totally dedicated to UPI, running the company's photo, international and other departments efficiently and skillfully. A newsman to the end, Frank wrote his own obituary. Frank and Kay met in the fifth grade of an elementary school and they married in 1939. She survives as do their two children, Nancy, born in Honolulu, and Frank G. (Poncho), born in Mexico.

New Books

ASIA

THE *YOMIURI SHIMBUN*, Japan's largest-circulation newspaper, examines why Japan went to war against the West in "Who Was Responsible? From Marco Polo Bridge to Pearl Harbor" [Tokyo: Yomiuri Shimbun]. The English-language book answers five questions: Why did Japan plunge into war with China? Why did Japan attack the United States despite lacking resources? Why did the Japanese military conduct *kamikaze* attacks? Was it possible to prevent the devastation caused by the atomic bombs? What problems were there with the Tokyo Tribunal that tried accused Japanese war criminals? **Donald Keene**, a long-time journalist and author specializing on Japan, wrote in a blurb: "This book earns our gratitude by squarely and honestly attempting to identify those guilty of decisions that brought death to hundreds of thousands, if not millions, in Asia and on the islands of the Pacific."



Book jacket

EUROPE

THE LIVES OF NINE HUNGARIAN JEWS who either fled Hungary or weren't permitted to return after Adolf

Hitler came to power are described in "The Great Escape: Nine Jews Who Fled Hitler and Changed the World" [New York: Simon & Schuster] by former foreign correspondent **Kati Marton**. They are physicists Leo Szilard, Edward Teller and Eugene Wigner; game theorist and computer pioneer John von Neumann; author Arthur Koestler; photographers Robert Capa and Andre Kertesz; and filmmakers Alexander Korda and Michael Curtiz. **Robert Leiter**, literary editor of *The Jewish Exponent*, a Philadelphia weekly, wrote in a *New York Times* review: "[Marton's] narrative describes the crossroads where art and politics meet, the perils of dictatorship and the horrors of war, all of it punctuated by the frantic struggle to create the atomic bomb." Born in Hungary, Marton was Bonn bureau chief for ABC News from 1977-1979, reporting from Poland, Hungary, Italy, Holland, Northern Ireland, East Germany and the Middle East; and later a National Public Radio reporter in Washington.

NORTH AMERICA

EIGHTY YEARS AGO, Gene Tunney, who became the father-in-law of OPC member **Kelly Smith Tunney**, was the world heavyweight boxing champion and, unlikely for a boxer, an intellect who recited Shakespeare. He was also a longtime OPC member. Kelly, a former AP executive and Vietnam War correspondent, is married to the late champ's son, Jay Tunney, an international businessman. Gene Tunney's life (1898-1978) is described in "Tunney: Boxing's Brainiest Champ and

His Upset of the Great Jack Dempsey" [New York: Random House] by **Jack Cavanaugh**, a veteran sports writer and *New York Times* contributor.

Tunney won the 1926 crown by out-boxing Jack Dempsey. The next year, he won their rematch one of boxing's most famous fights, "The Long Count Fight," so named because the referee started a count on Tunney several seconds after he had been knocked to the mat. Tunney spent the day before the rematch reading Somerset Maugham's "Of Human Bondage." To relax, Tunney often read his favorite Shakespeare play, "Troilus and Cressida," a satiric comedy.

Born and raised in Manhattan, James Joseph Tunney was given a pair of boxing gloves by his longshoreman father to ward off neighborhood toughs. He retired from the ring at age 31, married heiress Polly Lauder and lived in wealthy Greenwich, Connecticut. Once he left boxing, Tunney, "was far more comfortable talking about literature, politics, or even opera than boxing," Cavanaugh writes. "If Tunney's boxing style [fast footwork and defensive skills rather than going for a knockout]...did not endear him to boxing fans, his aloofness from the sport following his retirement, coupled with his literacy, scholarly bent, and wealth, damn near made him a pariah."

Cavanaugh's biography contains errors, Kelly, the boxer's daughter-in-law, told the *Bulletin*. She added that his book was an unauthorized biography and the family was not involved in its research or writing. "Jay is working on his own book, not a bio, about his father, which he hopes to have published in 2008," Kelly said.

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